

# Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia

## FISH BAIT SUIT IS ON

Involves the Cold Storage Industry at Norfolk.

IS NO CHICKEN STATUTE

Norfolk Has Ordinances Defining Certain Limitations for the Depredations of Boys and Geese, but None for Chickens.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 11.—Evidence in the fish bait suit was resumed this morning, and the case occupied the Court of Law and Chancery the whole day. Sullivan & Co. sent three schooners here last November expecting that they would be supplied with bait from here during the fishing season. Instead of fresh and bright bait with which to entice the fish, the plaintiff alleges that rotten fish were offered, hence the three schooners were baitless. The testimony shows that a break in the floor of the cold storage apartment prevented the temperature from remaining cold enough to keep the bait from spoiling. The temperature must be below freezing. When it was allowed to become warmer than 23 degrees the bunkers were no good for bait. Bunkers is the trade name for menhaden or white fish or porbeagles, an inferior species of fish often plentiful in these waters, and used for oil and for making a fertilizer that is valuable for several crops. It is the first suit involving the cold storage business here, and it is creating great interest in business circles because so many articles are stored for future use by the various merchants.

The plaintiff won a verdict of \$1,430 for spoiled fish bait. The storage warehouse is responsible for not maintaining a freezing temperature.

Clarence N. Howell, of Park Place, has written to the Mayor for relief and protection against horses and chickens. He says that his property there is about to be ruined by the depredations of strays and birds, which invade his premises. E. M. Darden, the Mayor's clerk, was compelled to admit that the city ordinances did not protect a citizen against predatory chickens. The Code names horses and geese and directs the police and the police have the depredations impounded or obtain a warrant against their owner. But there is no ordinance remedy against chickens.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Jessamine Tooe has filed notice of a suit for divorce in the County and City of Norfolk against her husband, Dominic Tooe. The plaintiff is an infant and the notice is filed in the name of J. F. Lyons, her father and best friend, by Charles M. C. Doran, attorney. The plaintiff is but eighteen years of age, because the cause of the divorce is the alleged opposition of her parents to the marriage which occurred in January. The attorney says the marriage contract is to be broken on statutory grounds, although there is no declaration filed. The defendant is a musician and plays the violin in the orchestra of the Manhattan Hotel. The name was incorrectly spelled in the marriage license with two "e's" or Tooe. The suit must be brought in the same way. It will be recalled that at the time of the sensational marriage of young Jessamine Tooe to a young Italian of Richmond, a former, but unsuccessful, lover, Landman Augustus Byer, a member of the crew of the monitor Puritan, died at the Naval Hospital yesterday from blood-poisoning. He was shot in the shoulder with a 22-caliber ball used in sub-caliber practice, with the monitor's big guns. The bullet passed entirely through the man's shoulder, but the wound was such a small one that it was not thought it would be serious. Byer, however, transferred to the Naval Hospital for treatment, and grew rapidly worse, until death ensued. He was a native of St. Louis and had been in the navy only a short time.

FOX HUNT AT NIGHT.

The rather unusual pleasure of a fox hunt at night was enjoyed by a party of gentlemen and as many hounds last night. Mr. W. S. Hubbert, deputy sheriff of Norfolk county, was the leading spirit. The party left Portsmouth about dark, some on horseback, some on foot, while others were in buggies. The hounds entered the woods about a mile from the naval magazine on St. Julian's Creek. The hounds struck the trail within a mile and a half of the magazine. The hounds packed beautifully and were fully up to the fox leading in the direction of the city almshouse. Most of the party of hunters were keeping in the roads on account of danger in riding in the woods and brush, but those on foot were following wherever the chase led. The fox escaped, but the hunters returned satisfied with the sport he had.

The catching of Henry Jones, alias Sick Boy, has revealed a new method of criminals to the police detectives. The police caught the negro man who goes by the suggestive title of Sick Boy, and they suspected him of thievery, because they knew he had no legitimate occupation. But they did not wish to arrest him, just to have him turned loose again for lack of evidence of crime. They watched and waited. That was the plan of the new Sergeant of Detectives Heppel and Chief of Police Vellines. They determined that Harris was the robber and after watching they found him at the place where he was in the morning and disposed of his plunder to the Church-Street shoemaker. The police were baffled by both of these unusual methods, and therefore Harris was not caught. The stuff that he took has been identified by the owners, and the proof against him is complete. He has confessed to some things. He said he got \$2 for a diamond ring that is estimated to be worth \$100. If he had known the real value of the ring, he said, the hawnee would not have paid so little. By this admission he confessed to the robbery. The detectives have a great deal of valuable evidence.

AN INQUIRY.

The office of the Board of Health this morning received one of the many freak letters that come to that department. The letter is from Russia and caused much amusement in the office when it was received. The letter was written in the morning by a woman named Mary Peltz, asking about her husband, and taking leave, who is said to have been a city in 1897. It asks if he is receiving property and real

quests that frequent letters be written her on the matter. The letter requests that a reply be sent to G. Grodzicki, Gubernia Placka, Litzna, Russ Poland, 4 Taktupiska Str.

While working on a stack of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway and Light Company yesterday, Jim Bludoe fell forty feet, breaking his arm and suffering a contusion of his skull. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The question of individual drinking cups before the School Board. Superintendent Doble supports the measure, but did not receive the encouragement that he expected from the members of the board. The matter was brought up through the recommendation of C. J. Bull, who addressed a letter to the board recommending the adoption of the rule requiring separate drinking cups for each child. Mr. Doble said this was carrying sanitary measures too far. He declared the idea as nonsensical as the anti-kissing bill, and a humorous colloquy ensued between him and Judge Keeling. The subject was referred to the Board of Health.

D. Vellines, of Newport News, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court to-day. He is a mechanic, and he states that his debts are \$241 and his assets \$10. The majority of his creditors are at Roanoke, with a few at Newport News.

The torpedo-boat Chaucery, which went out on a trial trip with Captain F. J. Train of the trial boat in this morning, has not reported her return at the navy-yard. She had a bad storm in which to take her trial, followed by thick weather and a fog. She is probably detained at the capes.

## FROM ASHLAND

Memorial Association's Donation to Confederate Organizations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHLAND, VA., March 11.—The ladies of the Ashland Memorial Association at a meeting held Tuesday decided to send a donation from the funds in the treasurer's hand to the Confederate Bazaar, one also to the Davis Memorial Association, and one also to the Confederate Museum. Several of the ladies of the Association will take part in the bazaar which will be held in Richmond in a few days.

Mrs. G. Barrett Snyder is quite ill at her husband's residence here. She has been sick for some weeks, but lately her condition has grown very serious. She is daughter of Assistant Postmaster Grubbs, of Richmond, and one of the most attractive ladies in this town.

Vice-Grand Regent M. J. Darden, of Loudoun, visited officially Henry Clay Connell, Royal Arcanum, last night. He was entertained after the business meeting was held. During the evening he made a sincere and enthusiastic address on the subject of the Royal Arcanum. The council here has one hundred and nine members, with three applications on file.

The Town Council meets on Thursday night. The meeting no doubt will be full, as several important matters will be up for discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Maloney, of Richmond, and Miss Stevenson, of Ashland, are guests at the summer board being received at this new and handsome hotel. The prospects for spring and summer are most flattering.

## RAPPAHANNOCK MUDDY

Spring Freshets Have Caused Great Destruction of Oysters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOWLING GREEN, VA., March 11.—The heavy rains have made the water in the Rappahannock River as far down as this point very muddy and fresh, which if continued, will prove very destructive to oysters. For the past several seasons the water in this part of the river has been very muddy and fresh, which if continued, will prove very destructive to oysters. For the past several seasons the water in this part of the river has been very muddy and fresh, which if continued, will prove very destructive to oysters. For the past several seasons the water in this part of the river has been very muddy and fresh, which if continued, will prove very destructive to oysters.

Farmers are taking advantage of the spring dyes, but owing to wet season are a little behind with their work. The bulk of the pea crop was not planted until last week. This crop is raised very extensively in this section, principally for the Baltimore market, but some being sold to home canneries.

The river is being threaded with fish traps and nets, but up to this time the catch has been very small.

## PROTEST AGAINST RAILROAD

Leesburg Business Men Discontented With Service of the Southern.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEESBURG, VA., March 11.—The Business Men's League of this place, formed for the purpose of effecting better transportation service and procuring reduced rates of freight over the Southern Railway to Leesburg, met on Tuesday night, March 10th, and adopted resolutions protesting against the service of the Southern Railway Company. Rates of freight over the Baltimore and Ohio and Point of Rocks Bridge have been ascertained, and there is a strong sentiment for abandoning railroad transportation entirely until the abuses are corrected.

## LEESBURG HORSE SHOW

Wednesday and Thursday, June 3d

4th, are Dates Selected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEESBURG, VA., March 11.—The Board of Directors of the Horse and Colt Show Association of Loudoun, at their recent meeting, selected Wednesday and Thursday, June 3d and 4th, as the dates for the next show at the old Fair Grounds, near Leesburg, which were recently purchased by the association. Messrs. Chas. R. Bell, E. B. Garrett and W. C. Buehler are a committee to make up the premium list and rules governing the same. Great interest is manifested, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, and Malaria, Fever and Ague.

Be sure to Try it.

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## PAFULLY INJURED

Peculiar Accident Happens to a Stafford Man.

NEGRO ASKED TO LEAVE

No Roosevelt-Booker Washington Incident Permitted in Fredericksburg Cafes—Railroad Location in Stafford County Changed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 11.—Mr. Charles Schooner, of Stafford county, met with a peculiar accident at Brooke Station. While standing near the railroad, a fast passenger train passed, and just as the tender was opposite Schooner, a large lump of coal rolled off, striking a post nearby, a piece of which struck Schooner on the cheek, just below the eye, cutting entirely through it and leaving a gaping wound. Had the large lump struck Schooner, it would have killed him instantly. The injured man was brought here for treatment, and the wound is a serious one.

A well dressed stranger arrived here last night and employed a colored boy to carry his satchel. He went to a fashionable cafe and ordered supper for two. The ladies and gentlemen in the cafe at the time were greatly surprised when the colored boy was invited to take a seat at one of the tables with the stranger. He was soon notified, however, that no President Roosevelt and Booker Washington dining would be allowed in the cafe, which was intended for white people, so the colored youth left without his supper.

In double tracking the Richmond and Potomac Railroad, the line will be changed just north of this city after crossing the Rappahannock River, which will save a considerable distance and avoid a sharp curve. In making this change, the main public highway from the Northern Neck will go under the railroad, thus avoiding the risks of life at the crossings, where so many and such serious accidents are occurring. The public road at Brooke Station, and most of the other county roads which cross the railroad, will be changed to go under the tracks instead of over them as at present. The change will be welcomed by citizens generally all along the line, and the country people coming to this city and traveling in various parts of the county where the roads cross the tracks can do so safely, without running risks at crossings.

IN 1904.

At a meeting of the Betty Washington Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of this city, on the question of the State conference to hold its annual meeting here in 1904.

Considerable interest is felt in the election to take place in Stafford county Thursday, March 10th, on the question of the Rappahannock and Fredericksburg electric railroad, which will run through Rappahannock, Culpeper and Stafford counties to Deep Water, on the Rappahannock River. The projectors also state that connection will be made with Alexandria and Washington at a point in Prince William or Fairfax. Rappahannock and Culpeper counties have already voted the suspension of \$30,000. Superintendent of Schools James Ashby and the public school teachers of Stafford county will hold an institute at Ramoth Church, in that county, on Friday, March 11th, for the discussion of educational matters.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. J. J. Sale, of King George county, who was playing with his father's gun in dragging logs, was seriously injured in the arm by the gun discharging that the arm will probably have to be amputated.

IN CAROLINE.

A new council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics has been organized at Port Royal, Caroline county, by Rev. W. C. Latune, of Westmoreland county, State chaplain, with twenty-five charter members. Mr. W. T. Pratt was made master of the new council, and Rev. S. B. Ware chaplain.

The residence of Mr. J. Lemuel Wheeler in Spotsylvania county, was destroyed by fire this week. The property was partially insured.

A portion of the old Concord farm in Caroline county, belonging to the estate of James D. Coleman, was sold at Caroline court this week at public auction, and brought extremely low prices. Two hundred and sixty-six acres were purchased by Mr. E. M. Coleman for \$265, and Mr. F. W. Chandler secured 254 acres for \$105.

A portrait of Judge John Thomas Jones, of Indiana, artistically has been added to the handsome collection of portraits which adorn the walls of the Essex county courthouse at Tappahannock.

The portrait is the work of Mrs. Pauline Jones, a daughter of Judge Jones. Judge Jones was born in Essex county, October 11, 1811, at Farmville, which has been the ancestral home of the Jones family since 1802.

HANOVER NEWS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MECHANICVILLE, VA., March 11.—There is a great deal of sickness in this vicinity. The prevalent diseases are pneumonia and measles.

The doctors are kept busy indeed. Mrs. Sam Jeter and Mr. Alvin Roberts, who have been very sick, are improving.

Miss Mary Starke has been absent from school for some days on account of the sad death of her aunt, Mrs. Fuller, of Richmond.

Mrs. Charlie Jeter, who has been visiting Curly's Neck, on account of the illness of her mother, has just returned home.

Mr. John H. Varlander was called to King William on account of the death of his brother's wife.

Miss Norma Bruce and her brothers, Messrs. Kenneth and David Bruce, are among the victims of the grip.

The W. C. T. U. of this county will hold its first county convention at Ashland on the 28th instant.

At the Mecklenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHASBY CITY, March 11.—Attorney General Anderson and Mr. R. W. Powers, of Richmond, are stopping at the Mecklenburg.

Killed in Bedford.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTVALE, VA., March 11.—Lynch Broughman, prominently connected, was killed to-day at Deyev mines by a caving of rock.

## CRUISER TO BE LAUNCHED

Miss Katherine White Will Christen the West Virginia.

APRIL 18TH THE DATE SET

Capt. Passatore, of the Italian Steamship Iliemonte, Reports to the Police the Disappearance of Several Members of His Crew.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 11.—A private telegram received here to-night from Rear-Admiral F. T. Bowles, chief constructor United States Navy, states that April 18 has been officially determined upon as the date for the launching of the new armored cruiser West Virginia. Miss Katherine White will christen the ship. The date for the launching of the Maryland, a sister ship, has not been selected.

Captain G. Passatore, of the Italian steamship Iliemonte, has reported to the police the disappearance of nine members of his crew, who he believes were drugged and kidnapped. Captain Passatore must reach Pensacola by a given date and was averse to giving any of his men shore leave. Their protestations of loyalty and supplications prevailed, and he allowed nine to go ashore, first taking the precaution to swear them on a crucifix that they would not return at the proper time. Captain Passatore says his men were well treated and were satisfied, and he does not believe they deserted. He asked the police authorities to investigate the matter.

William Mitchell, colored, was given two years in the penitentiary to-day for larceny. Frank Perry, colored, was given twelve months in jail for felonious assault and six months for stabbing a fellow-prisoner since he has been in jail. The Dutch steamship Soestdyk, which left Rotterdam thirteen days after the Stordyk, which arrived yesterday, arrived to-day, having made the trip in eighteen days.

## INCENDIARY FIRE

Implement Shed and All Contents Were Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., March 11.—News has been received here of the total destruction of the implement shed and all the farming implements belonging to Mr. Robert C. Stump, a prominent farmer residing east of Edinburg. The fire was of incendiary origin, and loss amounted to several hundred dollars, with small insurance.

The farmers in this vicinity are much enraged over the condition of the growing wheat crop, which they claim is in better condition at this season than for a number of years past.

The Shenandoah county grand jury have returned three true bills this week—two against Richard Brooks, who is charged with an assault with intent to kill an officer whilst resisting arrest, and one against Taylor Compton, of Edith, for felonious assault upon Frank Marston. Shenandoah Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Woodstock, will dedicate a hall in the front part of the courthouse, which will be used for no other purpose than for meetings of the Veterans, Daughters and Sons.

## CUCUMBERS WANTED

Pickle Company May Build a Large Plant at Suffolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., March 11.—According to Superintendent Flanders, who represents the Pittsburgh pickle man, in Eastern Virginia, Heinz will put up a salting station here. Flanders was here to-day. He says farmers have already pledged themselves to plant 150 acres in cucumbers and he expects to get fifty acres more guaranteed. They want two acres for a site, which has not been secured. He says if he can get enough cucumbers Heinz may build a finishing factory at Suffolk. Heinz has proposed to build a free site, voluntary donations or anything else except that farmers grow cucumbers, for which he will pay fifty cents a bushel.

ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness.

The last tobacco sale which will probably ever take place in Martin's warehouse, corner of Commerce and Tenth Streets occurred there this morning. The building having been rented to the American Cigar Company, who will use it for a storage warehouse. Martin's warehouse has been used for tobacco sales for the past fifty or seventy years, and now that it will be utilized for other purposes, it leaves only Booker's, Farmer's and Lynch's warehouses in the field. The property was purchased a year or so ago by Mr. Max Guggenheimer, Jr.

At a called meeting of Hill City Council, No. 130, V. C. T., last Saturday night it was decided to hold a carnival in Rivermont May 11th to 16th, the week following a similar event in Roanoke.

Since then a contract has been signed with the W. S. Heck Carnival Company, of Cincinnati, to locate their shows on grounds near the Horse Show building for the period named.

BITTEN BY A HORSE

Farmer's Ankle Crushed by Animal He Was Trying to Help.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., March 11.—One of the strangest accidents recorded in Amherst took place there the other day. L. T. Burford, a prosperous farmer of Pedlar Valley, was working in a field with a heavy wagon drawn by two large horses. The animal on the upper side bit at his companion, and in doing so slipped to the ground. As Mr. Burford ran forward the rising to his front him by the trunk, and he was pinned to the ground. The animal's powerful jaws crushed the bones of Mr. Burford's ankle as if they were iron rods. Mr. Burford would certainly have been killed but for the timely arrival of assistance. As it was, he was seriously injured.

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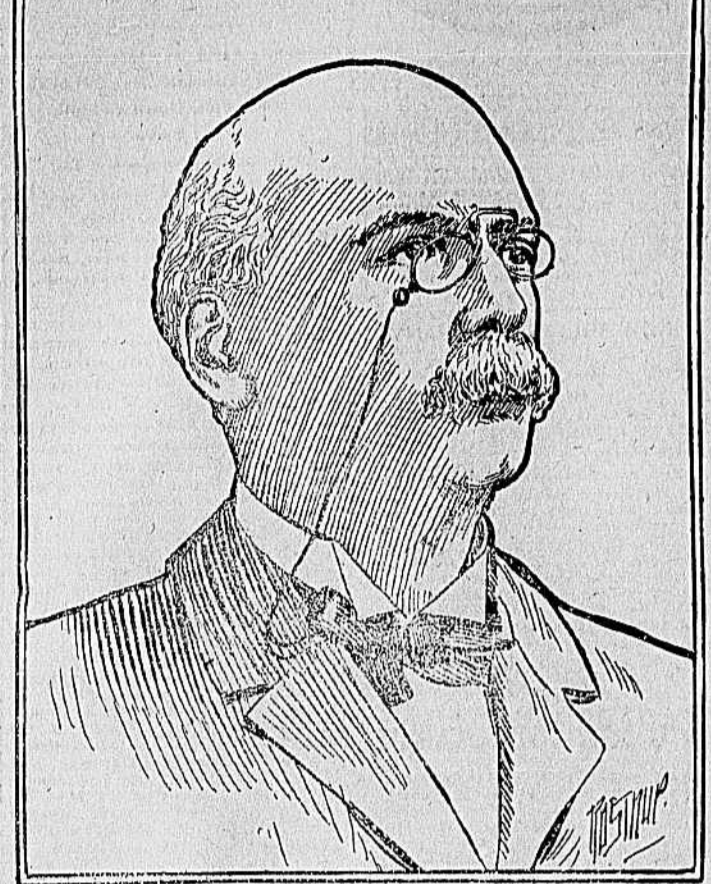
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CAPT. CHARLES M. BLACKFORD.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 11.—The funeral of Captain Charles M. Blackford, who died in Lynchburg Tuesday after a long illness, will take place from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. A large number of relatives and friends of the deceased are in the city to attend the funeral, among them being Mr. William H. Blackford, of Baltimore; Dr. Benjamin Blackford, of Staunton; Hon. Henry St. George Tucker and Congressman and Mrs. M. E. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania; Congressman H. D. Flood and others.

A largely attended meeting of the Bar Association was held this morning, at which a committee was appointed to draft a resolution to be presented at the first day of the April term of the Corporation Court.

NEW WATER SUPPLY FOR LYNCHBURG

Richmond Scientists Report on Water from Pedlar River With High Approval.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 11.—By order of the Water Committee, City Engineer H. L. Shaner, at the beginning of last month, took a trip to that portion of Pedlar River, in Amherst county, from which is proposed to draw the water supply of the city, and obtained therefrom two five-gallon samples of the water, taken from the middle of the stream. These were sent to Richmond, to Messrs. Froehling and Robertson, analytical and consulting chemists, for analysis. Full detailed reports have just been received by the City Engineer, concerning these samples. For drinking purposes a summary of the chemical analysis states that "it shows the water to be very pure and free from organic contamination."

The following is also the summary of the bacteriological examination made by Messrs. Froehling and Robertson: "Inculcations from none of these colonies produced gas in fermentation. Fermentation tubes charged with 1 c. c. water showed no gas of any suspicious organisms. This was confirmed by several other tests, all of which gave negative results. The microscopic examination of the suspended matters showed them to consist principally of clay, with only a few diatoms, desmids and algae. This water, therefore, appears perfectly suited for your city supply, as it is free from all objectionable matters."

An analysis as to the fitness of the water for manufacturing purposes is summarized in these significant words: "Showing the water to be an almost perfect boiler water."

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